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Weapons used by Kattabomman.

* 232 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the sword and other weapons used by Kattabomman and Oomaithurai are now in the possession of the Police in Tirunelveli district; and

(*b*) if so, how they got them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Price of foodgrains.

* 233 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the control of prices of foodgrains; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : உணவுப் பொருள்களுக்கு குறைந்தபட்ச விலை நிர்ணயிக்க மத்திய சர்க்கார் இந்த சர்க்காருக்கு தாக்கீது அளித்திருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : குறைந்தபட்ச விலை நிர்ணயிக்கவேண்டுமென்று யோசனை அரசாங்கத்திடம் இருக்கிறது. எந்த சமயத்தில் அதை எடுத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமோ அப்பொழுது எடுத்து முடிவு செய்யப்படும்.

Man-eater in Satyamangalam range.

* 234 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED AND SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the loss of lives in the North Coimbatore Division due to the activities of a man-eater, and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to kill the man-eater?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) In July 1957, the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore (North) Division, got information to the effect that a grazier was killed by a man-eater in Satyamangalam range.

(*b*) The Conservator, Coimbatore Circle, issued instructions to the District Forest Officer to notify the man-eater in anticipation of the approval of the Chief Conservator of Forests. This action was later ratified by the Chief Conservator of Forests. The Collector of Coimbatore was asked to give wide publicity amongst shooting

licence-holders for killing the man-eater. The District Superintendent of Police was also requested to give Police protection to the villagers in areas where the man-eater was likely to invade. All the plural licence-holders in this State were also intimated by the Chief Conservator of Forests of the man-eater. No information has so far been received that the man-eater has been tackled yet.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of lives that have been lost due to this man-eater?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The information that I have is that only one life has been lost.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Was not the man-eater bagged before it bagged lives?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information.

PRIVATE NOTICE QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : In view of the fact that to-day is the last day of the sitting, I am permitting three hon. Members to put private notice questions.

Prevalence of smallpox.

*1 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to make a statement regarding the prevalence of smallpox epidemic in Paramakudi area and surrounding areas resulting in the death of numerous children and adults?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Paramakudi Panchayat in the Ramanathapuram district was completely free from smallpox for the last eight months ended 30th October 1957. There were two attacks from smallpox in the area during the week ended 2nd November 1957, the date of onset being 30th October 1957. The Health Staff visited the place on 30th October 1957 itself. They performed 8 primary vaccinations and 129 re-vaccinations.

Stray cases of smallpox occurred in a few villages in the surrounding areas from 17th August 1957. Altogether 29 villages have reported smallpox with 83 attacks and 14 deaths. During the week ended 2nd November 1957, 9 villages including the Paramakudi Panchayat have reported 25 attacks and 3 deaths. The Health Staff visited all the villages and carried out prompt preventive measures.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : இரண்டு மூன்று மாதங்களாக பரமக்குடி பஞ்சாயத்து ஏரியாவில் இந்த ஸ்மால் பாக்ஸ் அதிகமாக ஏற்பட்டு 100-க்கு மேற்பட்ட குழந்தைகள் இறந்திருப்பதாக தகவல் வந்திருக்கிறது. அது அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரியுமா? அப்படி இரண்டு மூன்று மாதங்களாக இருக்கும்போது ப்ரிக்காஷனரி மெஷெர்ஸ் ஏன் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படவில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் சொல்லுமா?